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## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

This SOP supersedes

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EVALUATION CHECKS

1. PURPOSE: To establish the requirements and procedures for administering Evaluation Checks to U-2 Pilots assigned to this Detachment. 25X1A
2. SCOPE: The provisions of this SOP are applicable to Mission Pilots regardless of status, and other qualified U-2 Pilots.
3. RESPONSIBILITY: The Director of Operations is responsible for insuring that the provisions of this SOP are complied with.
4. GENERAL:
  - a. Evaluation Checks will be administered by a qualified U-2 Instructor Pilot.
  - b. An evaluation check will be accomplished prior to initial upgrading to Operational Ready Pilot status at this Detachment and at least every twelve (12) months thereafter.
  - c. A formal record of each evaluation check will be maintained in the Pilots Training Folder for future reference.
5. PROCEDURES: The Evaluation Check will be scheduled and administered on a high altitude flight of at least 3+00 hours duration. The check will consist of three (3) phases:
  - a. PRE-FLIGHT PHASE: Consists of oral and written questions by the Instructor Pilot.
    - (1) Aircraft Questionnaires (written)
    - (2) Emergency Exam (written)
    - (3) Systems Questions (oral)
    - (4) Configuration Questions (oral)
    - (5) Tactical Doctrine Questions (oral)

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- b. **FLIGHT PHASE:** Monitored by the Instructor Pilot. Special emphasis is placed on adherence to the checklist and published procedures during the following portions of the flight.
- (1) Briefing
  - (2) Life Support
  - (3) Cockpit Check
  - (4) Engine Start
  - (5) Before Take-off
  - (6) Take-off and Climb
  - (7) In-flight
  - (8) Let-down and Recovery
  - (9) Debriefing
- c. **POST FLIGHT PHASE:** Consists of a review of the mission by the following personnel:
- (1) Navigation Section
  - (2) Applicable Configuration Section
  - (3) Evaluation Group (para 6 below)

6. EVALUATION:

- a. Evaluation personnel will be as listed below:

- (1) Manager
- (2)
- (3) Director of Operations
- (4) U-2 Instructor Pilot

- (5)
- (6)

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b. The Manager [ ] will review the results of the Flying Evaluation Check and determine the category status of the Pilot whose proficiency is being reviewed.

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c. Should an evaluation of other than Operational Ready Pilot status be made for any mission pilot as a result of Evaluation Board action or "Qualified" for other U-2 Pilots, the Manager, with the assistance of [ ] [ ] Operations Officer and Instructor Pilot will determine what additional training shall be accomplished prior to further evaluation action.

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d. Retraining and/or recheck will be scheduled as appropriate.

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Detachment Commander

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